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Fatal traffic crash closes Kawaihau Road Friday night

KAPA'A – Kawaihau Road, near the Makaleha intersection in Kapa'a, was closed for several hours Friday night, following a traffic crash that resulted in the deaths of two residents.

The decedents have been identified as 39-year-old Shane Duncan and 33-year-old Sanoe Soares, both of Kapa'a.

According to a preliminary investigation, Duncan was heading west on Kawaihau Road at roughly 10 p.m., on a 2008 Suzuki motorcycle with Soares on board. The motorcyclist apparently failed to negotiate a right-hand curve in the roadway, crossed over the center line, and collided with an oncoming 2014 Jeep SUV.

As a result of the crash, Soares was ejected from the motorcycle and trapped under the SUV, until firefighters arrived and extricated her. Medics arrived on scene and transported her to Wilcox Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Duncan sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported by medics to Wilcox Hospital, where he later died.

The driver of the Jeep, a 53-year-old Kapa'a woman, sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Wilcox Hospital where she was treated and has since been released.

Kawaihau Road was closed in both directions for approximately four hours while traffic investigators conducted an on-scene investigation.

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